

D8 A&E Contract Outreach for District 8 On Call Environmental Generalist Contract

Question #1

What does exclusion of work mean? Does this contract not require these excluded studies? Who Will do these studies.

Exclusion of work refers to work that is not included in the scope of this contract. For example, this contract will likely exclude biological, cultural, paleontological, visual impact analysis, and hazardous waste services. These studies are excluded from this contract because the Department already has contracts that provide these services.

Questions #2

As a DBE, we always utilize other DBE's, but is this requirement? Do you recommend we use another DBE's?

All advertised A&E contracts have a DBE goal. The DBE goal establishes the minimum percentage of the total contract amount to be performed by DBE firms. When the contract is awarded to a DBE firm, then the goal is automatically met as long as the DBE firm is performing a percentage of the total contract amount that is equal to or greater than the DBE goal advertised for the contract.

Question #3

Will staff augmentation be used from this contract?

This contract is not expected to include staff augmentation.

Question #4

How many teams will be used on this contract?

Only one contract will be awarded to the most qualified Prime Consultant. There is no limit to the number of subconsultants that a Prime Consultant may choose to have.

Question #5

Which standalone projects will be served as a full service environmental contract from this solicitation.

This is an On-Call Contract. The consultant shall perform consultation, research, professional and technical services required on an as-needed basis. The detail of services required for each project will be specified in the task order.

Question #6

Which service areas in D8 are most needed in terms technical disciplines?

Environment Generalist, noise study, water quality and Air quality services are likely expected at this time. The advertisement will provide final details in reference to the technical disciplines.

Questions #7

Who are the DBE companies Caltrans preference to work with? What are 3 best characteristics of a company that Caltrans likes to work with? What are the three best characteristics of a company that Caltrans likes to work with?

This is a qualifications-based selection procurement process. Caltrans does not have any preference nor look for any specific characteristics. The panel members evaluate consultants based on their qualifications. The selection criteria are advertised (see DPAC website and advertisement for additional details.)

Question #8

Who is the current consultant for this contract?

All advertised contracts are placed on the Lookahead Report for at least 60 days. The lookahead report will specify the consultant currently providing the service for a contract if it is a replacement contract. Based on the lookahead report, ICF Jones & Stokes is the consultant currently providing the Environmental Generalist Services for District 8.

Question #9

If your firm doesn't have a Caltrans ID# from Audit & Investigations, can we submit our financials to obtain an ID#? What is the process?

Financial information is not considered nor accepted until the contract is awarded for Qualification Based Selection process. Once a firm is awarded an A&E contract, the firm is expected to submit all required financial information per checklist on the Independent Office of Audits & Investigations (IOAI). Once all financial information is accepted by IOAI, a Caltrans ID is issued.

Question #10

Please, explain the DBE goals for this project? You mentioned 17.60% State wide goal but then mentioned 15% DBE goal and voluntary goal of 25%?

The Statewide DBE goal is 17.6%. The 17.6% represents the average DBE goal for all contracts throughout the State. The DBE goal for each contract will vary. The DBE goal for this specific contract is 15%.

In reference to the Small Business Goal of 25%, the Department strongly encourages this goal to enhance California's economy.

Question #11

What do you mean voluntary 25% goal? Do we receive more point if provide 30% DBE?

For A&E contracts, no points can be provided for exceeding the DBE goal. Firms that fail to meet the advertised DBE goal are considered non-responsive if they are unable to substantiate a "good faith effort."

Question #12

Please explain “good faith efforts” for finding DBE firms.

ADM-0312F provides the documentation required to demonstrate that adequate good faith efforts (GFE) were made by the proposer. ADM-03132F is located on the DPAC website and is required per 49 CFR 29.37

Question #13

Under this contract, only the technical studies identified such as Air Quality, Noise & Water Quality will be performed and as such, no CEQA/NEPA studies will be required? In other words, the Consultant will only be assisting Caltrans staff in preparing technical studies & not IS/MNDs, EA/FONSI, EIR or EIS.

The advertisement will provide more detail about services required. At this time, the consultant will be expected to prepare CEQA, NEPA studies and environmental documents. The contract would include duties related performance of all generalist analyses with the exception of technical studies for resources as listed in presentation. Please check advertisement for exclusion of work. The advertisement will provide more detail about all the services required.

Aside from noise, air and water Quality, the consultant may be expected to prepare Community Impact Analysis (CIA), Growth Analyses, section 4(F) and more. In other words, address all the resources for which there is no separate study. The level of effort and services required will vary from one task order to another. All consultants are expected to review the advertisement for more detail of services required and personnel requirements.